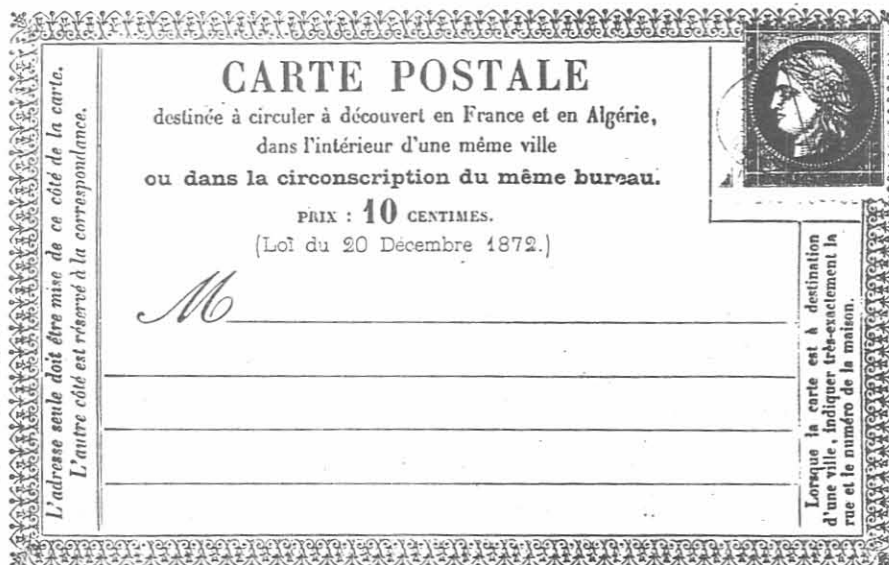


PERFIN PRECURSORS FROM FRANCE

TO PREVENT THEFT



1873- 'Cartes-Postales-Annonces' monogram 'CA' cut into advertising post cards which was sold at a discount commercial rate to prevent reuse at full value. This was a precursor to the perforated initials (perfins) that was initiated in France in 1877.



1880- 'Credit Lyonnais' triangular perfin from its office in Grenoble.

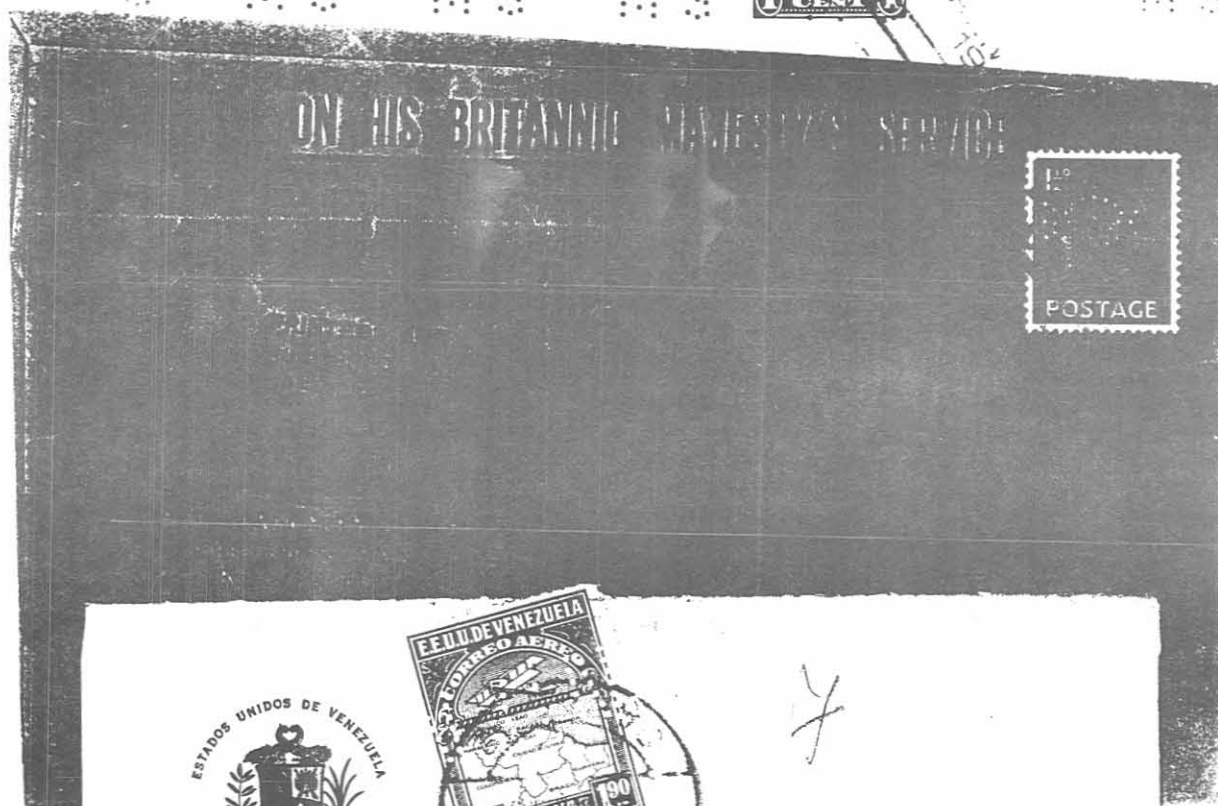


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OFFICIAL PERFORATED INITIALLED (PERFIN) STAMPS OF GREAT BRITAIN, VENEZUELA & CANADA

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Canada 1940-Wrapper
perforated 'OHMS' for use by
the Canadian Government to
distribute metrological data to
various governmental
agencies across the country.



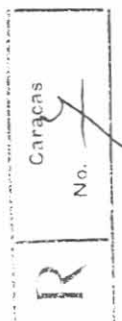
Great Britain
'S(crown)O'
His Majesty's
Stationery
Office.



EL PRESIDENTE DE LA REPUBLICA



Venezuela 'G.N'
Gobierno Nacional.



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OFFICIAL PERFIN OF SUDAN

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The first 'S.G.' perfin (perforated initialed) stamp was issued on February 8, 1900. This was part of the remainders of the 5 milliemes provisionally overprinted stamps of 1897 which was an obsolete stamp. All official mail was sent with this stamp regardless of weight or distance. These stamps were used as a control of official mail rather than postage, and were used instead of a manuscript franking by a responsible official.

Handwritten Arabic text, possibly a signature or address, written vertically.

Sudan 1900, August 29-
Omburman to Cairo via
'Benisouef/Cairo Amb—'
with official 'S.G' perfin
(Sudan Government).



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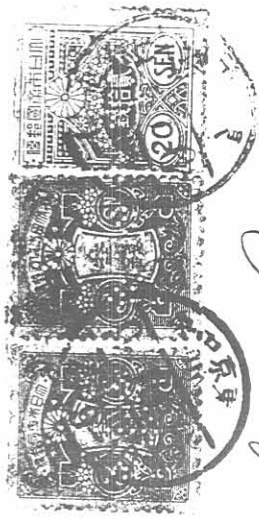
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OFFICIAL JAPANESE PERFIN

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This cover sent from Tokyo on October 16, 1920 bears the official perfin of the Japanese Admiralty. The cover was sent to the Vatican by then Commander I. Yamamoto. He was considered by the Japanese next to the Emperor and an ideal Japanese. Yamamoto, a Catholic, was probably used as a liaison between Japan and the Vatican in the diplomatic relationship established in 1919. Yamamoto planned and executed the attack on Pearl Harbor in 1941.



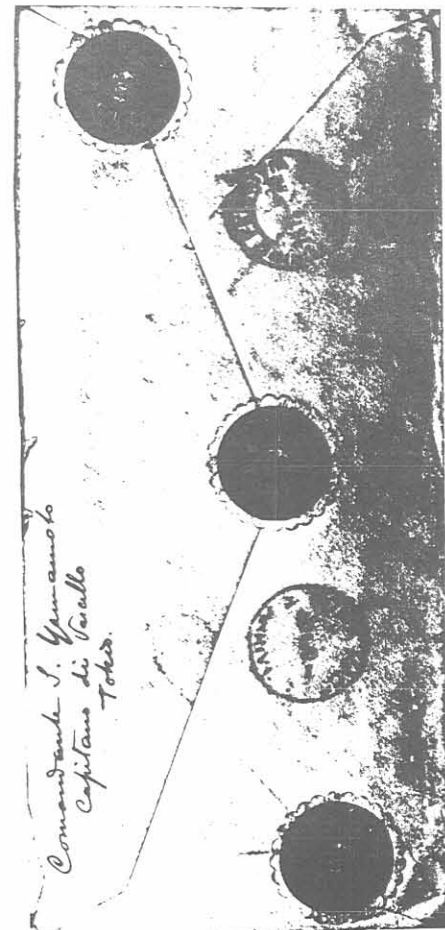
Donneur le Cardinal van Rossum

Préfet de la Propagande

Roma



Reverse of cover showing Yamamoto return address.



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